

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING CHANGES IN
HEART FAILURE STATUS**

Abstract

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A method for operating a cardiac rhythm management device in which a clinical state vector is computed as a combination of a plurality of parameters related to a patient's heart failure status and compared to a previously computed clinical state vector to determine a clinical trajectory indicative of changes in the patient's heart failure status. Such detected changes in status can be used both as a clinical tool to evaluate treatment and to automatically adjust the operation of the device.

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